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Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

Seventeen $1,500 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships are available for the 1987-88 academic years to Montana students who have been accepted to any public or private non-profit institution of higher education. Selection of students will be based on outstanding academic performance, the promise of continued academic achievement and statewide geographic considerations.

The application deadline is May 8, 1987, and applications are available from Nancy Lukenbill, Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, Montana 59620 (444-4422).

1987 Summer Mini Grants for Gifted and Talented Education

Applications for gifted and talented programs for the month of June are available from the Office of Public Instruction. The $1,000 mini-grants will be awarded on a competitive grant basis and require equal matching funds from the local general fund. **All funds must be expended by June 30, 1987.** The mini-grant format is not as extensive as the full school year grants and may be completed in a short period of time. Target population is any public school district K-12 or any portion thereof, with identified gifted/talented students in areas such as general intellectual ability, specific academic aptitude, creative and productive thinking, leadership and visual and performing arts. A grant writing workshop will be held as part of the Montana Association for Gifted and Talented Education Conference on April 9, 1987 at 3:00 p.m. at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls.

Deadline for acceptance of applications is May 1, 1987. For more information call Nancy Lukenbill at OPI, 444-4422.

For Kids' Sake

In February, the Montana Television Network announced its year-long statewide campaign, *For Kids' Sake*, which will focus on the challenges and opportunities young people and their parents face in today's fast-paced world. Topics scheduled during the next year will be drug and alcohol abuse; health, safety, nutrition, children and families of the 80's, divorce and the impact on families; exploration of ways to overcome reading disabilities and encourage kids to read, and child prodigies. MTN will distribute programming schedules as soon as they are available.

Computer Book Out of Print

Elements of Computer Education, a computer handbook produced by OPI staff, is out of print, and we do not plan to reprint the material. While this handbook was very successful and widely used, it has been decided that the needs addressed in the book have been answered to a great extent.

School Publications Contest

The National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) is sponsoring its 11th annual School and College Publications Contest to select the nation's top school and college publications and electronic media programs. If your district has a newsletter, annual report, calendar, catalog, handbook, parent orientation brochure or electronic media program, you may submit it for judging to NSPRA Publications Contest, P.O. Box 9700, Arlington, Virginia 22209. Deadline for all materials is May 1, 1987.

NASBE Publishes "Helping Youth Say No"

Handling peer pressure and making good decisions are two subjects in a new publication by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). "Helping Youth Say No" is a guide for parents that will enable them to help their teenagers cope with peer pressure. The just released, three-part book focuses on the various ways that peer pressure can work, in ways both obvious and subtle, to reduce teen self-confidence and bring about bad decision making. Also covered are pointers to enhance communications with adolescent children and activities designed to strengthen a young person's decision making skills.

To receive single copies of this publication or the other publications in the series--"Helping Youth Decide" and "Helping Youth Decide: A Workshop Guide"--write to NASBE, 701 North Fairfax Street, Suite 340, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Shodair Children's Hospital Opens Psychiatry Service for Children

Shodair Children's Hospital has announced the opening of its Children's Psychiatry Service for Children (age 12 and under) and their families, a short-term program to provide a highly structured therapeutic environment for emotionally, mentally, and/or behaviorally disturbed children. Training teams will be available starting in the fall of 1987 to present workshops on various topics pertinent to the care of emotionally/mentally disturbed children and families and will be available to provide services to individuals as well as public and private agencies. Fees for seminars and training will be dependent upon the locality, the type and length of

the seminar.

Inquiries regarding Children's Psychiatric Services and/or admission may be directed to Julie Powers, Jim McDonald, Dick Rosenleaf, or Pam Savage at Shodair's Child Psychiatry Service, P.O. Box 5539, Helena, MT 59604, 442-1980.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the Workplace

Saint Vincent Hospital and Health Center, through the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), will be an open site for *Alcohol & Drug Abuse in the Workplace*, a satellite videoconference sponsored by Health Care Telecommunications Corporation. The videoconference will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 1987 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Marillac Hall Auditorium, 1241 North 30th Street, Billings. The program will address legal and medical issues, public policy implications and employer/employee concerns on substance abuse. The cost of the conference is $195. Contact Health Care Telecommunications Corporation at 800-438-2481 to register.

Calendar

Apr. 9--Mt. Assoc. of Gifted & Talented, Great Falls, Mike Anderson (547-3751)

Apr. 10--Mt. Assoc. of Language Teachers spring conference, Billings, Pat Wyss (994-4448)

Apr. 27-28--Board of Public Education meeting, Helena (not Great Falls as noted earlier), Claudette Morton (444-6576)

May 13--Mt. Special Olympics Summer Games, Billings, Gary Garlock (255-3847)

May 16--Chapter 1 Migrant Conference, Billings, Angela Branz-Spall (444-4421)

MISSING CHILDREN INFORMATION

The following is the State Dept. of Justice's most current list of missing Montana children and teenagers (age 17 and under). For details on the Missing Children Program, call Bill Erwin, Dept. of Justice, Helena, 444-3625. (PD=Police Dept.; SO=Sheriff's Office; TP=Tribal Police)

NAME	SEX	RACE	DOB	AGE	HT/WT	HAIR	EYE	STATION
Adams, Cyndine	F	W	061670	16	5'1"/157	BRO	BRO	Laurel PD
Beckman, Jessica Ann	F	W	050874	12	5'0"/75	BRO	BRO	Dept. of Justice
Beckman, Jolene M.	F	W	092675	11	4'7"/60	BLN	BLU	Dept. of Justice
Best, Helen D.	F	W	013172	14	5'8"/130	BLN	BLU	Hardin SO
Doellefeld, Beth Ann	F	W	091076	10	4'7"/70	BLN	BRO	Dept. of Justice
Doellefeld, Jason Tex	M	W	010675	11	5'0"/100	BLN	BLU	Dept. of Justice
Doellefeld, Max Carl	M	W	081178	8	4'3"/55	BLN	BRO	Dept. of Justice
Gerdon, Shawn M.	M	W	031077	9	3'0"/30	BRO	BLU	Dept. of Justice
Ginevicz, Megan	F	W	011278	8	2'8"/25	GRN	GRN	Polson SO
Hamilton, Amanda	F	W	012571	16	5'6"/115	BRO	BRO	Powell SO
Innocci, Barbara	F	W	121170	16	5'4"/143	BRO	BRO	Billings SO
Johnston, Janice	F	W	011171	15	5'3"/118	BLN	xx	Polson SO
Stewart, Ramona A. (aka Harrington, Bennett, Connors)	F	W	101679	7	3'9"/45	BLN	BLU	Dept. of Justice
Strutzel, Michael	M	W	120481	5	3'0"/30	BLN	BLU	Butte/Silver Bow

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